

## **John W. Kern Papers**

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1 folder

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### **Biographical Note:**

John Worth Kern was born on December 20, 1849, in Alto, Howard County, Indiana. He graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1869, and was admitted to the Indiana bar that same year. Kern practiced law in Kokomo, Indiana, and served as the city attorney of Kokomo from 1871 to 1884. His other public offices included reporter of the Indiana Supreme Court (1885-1889); member of the Indiana Senate (1893-1897); special assistant U.S. district attorney (1893-1894); and city solicitor of Indianapolis (1897-1901). Kern made unsuccessful bids to be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1900 and 1904. In 1908, he was the vice-presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket with presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan. They lost to James Madison and George Clinton. Kern was elected to the U.S. Senate and served from 1911 to 1917. He died on August 17, 1917, Asheville, North Carolina.

#### *Source:*

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. United States Congress. 16 Dec. 2005.

<<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=K000132>>.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection includes two photocopies of a clipping about John W. Kern titled "Would Like to be a Vice President;" a photocopy of a letter written to W. H. Liggett, Kern's cousin, with genealogical information about their family; and a photocopy of a letter written to Emeline Liggett, Kern's aunt, which talks about various family members and Kern's memories of them.

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### **Item Listing:**

#### 1 Folder

1908

Photocopy of clipping, "Would Like to be a Vice President" (2 copies)

1910 June 14 John Kern to W. H. Liggett with enclosed genealogical information,  
photocopy of TL  
1914 Aug. 14 John Kern to Emeline Liggett, photocopy of ALS

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### **Collection Information:**

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